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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/986,489	PAWLISZYN, JANUSZ B.	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(2) Janusz Pawliszyn. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 07272004.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 16 and 28.

Identification of prior art discussed: Parce '257, Soane '962 of record, and Pawliszyn 5,759,370 (page 2 of the specification).


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Professor Pawliszyn would like to amend claim 16 to better reflect the embodiment in Figure 1C. In his view, the embodiment of Figure 1C has an unexpected benefit for performing isoelectric focussing by creating a pH gradient with the tapered channel. It is also distinguished from Parce and Soane in not having intersecting channels. The examiner did not indicate these features as being allowable because if claimed they would significantly change the scope of claim 16 and would require further consideration of the prior art, especially Pawliszyn 5,759,370. Professor Pawliszyn also stated that in Claim 28 "prevent" should be -- permit --.